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#### **MEIS Advisory Panel**

A 16-member advisory panel has started working with the Center on the Michigan Education Information System (MEIS) project. The Center's director, **Madhu Anderson**, chairs the panel. "We are pleased to have representation from intermediate school districts, local school districts, public school academies, the Michigan Department of Education, and Michigan education groups," Anderson said. The MEIS is a Web-based system that school districts use to submit educational data to the Center. The Center then analyzes and reports on the data. Serving on the MEIS Advisory Panel are:

**Rebecca Rocho**, Michigan Association of Intermediate School Superintendents

**Eric Peterson**, Michigan School Business Officials

**Robert Redmond**, Branch Intermediate School District

**Kristina Martin**, Macomb Intermediate School District

**Bruce Barrett**, Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency

**Jayne Mohr**, Traverse City Area Schools

**Janice Brown**, Kalamazoo Public Schools

**Teresa Arpin**, Grand Rapids Public Schools

**Ken Forrest**, Detroit Public Schools

**John Moolenaar**, Midland Academy of Advanced and Creative Studies

**Bill Bushaw**, Michigan Department of Education

**Elaine Madigan Mills**, Michigan Department of Education, State Aid and School Services

**Mike Boulus**, Michigan Department of Treasury, Education Policy

**John D. Williams**, Michigan Department of Career Development

**Robbie Jameson**, Michigan Department of Management and Budget

**Andrew Henry**, e-Michigan Office, Office of the Governor.

#### **Graduation/Dropout Rate Report**

The Center released its first statistical report, the **Report on Graduation/Dropout Rates for the 1999-2000 School Year**, on September 18, 2001. This report had previously been issued by the Michigan Department of Education.

**Highlights of the Center's report:** For the first time, graduation/dropout rates were reported at the building level. Seventeen percent of the districts reported graduation rates at ninety-five percent or greater, an increase over the fifteen percent previously reported. Sixty-two high schools had dropout rates higher than seven percent during the 1999-2000 school year, down from sixty-eight with dropout rates of seven percent or higher during the previous school year. An executive summary and data tables of the graduation /dropout rates by building in alphabetical order by school districts appears on our Web site at: [www.cepi.state.mi.us](http://www.cepi.state.mi.us).

#### **External Affairs Office**

The Center's External Affairs Office is responsible for communicating with the legislature, school districts, education organizations and the media, and reviewing current reporting methods and timelines. The External Affairs staff includes:

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### *Coming Up...*

For more information, watch your e-mail and fax machine, or visit our Web site at [www.cepi.state.mi.us](http://www.cepi.state.mi.us).

#### **October 17**

SRSD ErrorCheck version 2.0 software will be sent to ISDs and posted to our Web site.

#### **October 24 and 25**

SRSD videoconferences for school districts.

#### **October 31**

Local school districts submit data for the SRSD to ISDs.

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\* The Center is the state agency that collects, analyzes, and reports statistical data on Michigan's schools and students.